

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/002,034	SALDANHA ET AL.
	Examiner Naum B. Levin	Art Unit 2825

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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment 08/08/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17 and 24-29.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to application 10/002,034 and Amendment filed on 08/08/2005. Claims 18-23 have been canceled, new claims 24-29 have been added by Applicant. Claims 1-17 and 24-29 remain pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney John Carpenter (Reg. No. 39,129) on 08/27/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Claim 1:

lines 3, replace "physical optimization of block" with – a physical optimization of a block --;

line 4, replace "logic" with – a logic --;

line 7, after "blocks" insert --;

wherein:

a core comprises logic in a block bounded by registers; and
a shell comprises logic between a core and pins of a block--.

3. Claim 8:

line 3, replace "layout" with – a layout --;

line 7 replace with:

-- partitioning the blocks into cores comprising logic in a block bounded by registers and shells comprising logic between a core and pins of the block; --.

4. Claim 13:

line 1, replace "design" with – a design --;

line 5 replace with:

-- partitioning each block into a core of logic bounded by registers and a shell of logic between the core and pins of the block; --;

line 6, replace "performing logic synthesis an each shell" with – performing a logic synthesis on each shell --.

5. Claim 24:

line 3, replace "performing physical optimization of block" with – performing a physical optimization of a block --;

line 4, replace "logic" with – a logic --;

line 9, replace "performing physical optimization of wire placement" with – performing the physical optimization of the wire placement --;

line 11, replace "performing physical optimization of wire placement" with – performing the physical optimization of the wire placement --;

line 13, replace "performing physical optimization of wire placement" with – performing the physical optimization of the wire placement --;

line 20, after "a wire" insert --;

wherein each core is logic bounded by registers in a block and each shell is logic between a core and pins of a block --.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-17 and 24-29 are allowed over prior art of record.
7. Considered arguments supplied by Applicant in the Proposed Amendment on 08/27/2005 as persuasive.
8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naum B. Levin whose telephone number is 571-272-1898. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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